

 23. (New) The method claim of 22, wherein the plurality of user-selectable graphics portions are in discontinuous order. --

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, and 18-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 are amended, and new claims 21-23 are added. In view of these amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

Personal Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner Ba Huynh for courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during a personal interview on October 29, 2002.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,664,127 issued to Anderson *et al.* ("Anderson"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. In an attempt to advance prosecution, however, Applicants have amended claim 1 to indicate that "each graphical portion is *selectably assigned* to the one or more user selectable table portions *specified by a user*." In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, table portions are assigned to graphical portions according to user's instructions. (See e.g., page 6, line 15 through page 7, line 3; page 8, lines 10 through page 9, line 2; and page 9, lines 9-18 of the present specification.)

Applicants respectfully submit that Anderson does not assign a table portion selected by the user to a user-selectable graphical portion. Rather, Anderson merely includes pre-existing user-selectable tabs for each page of the notebook. In other words, each page in the notebook in Anderson is already assigned to a user selectable tab, where the user can not specify any new assignments. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Anderson. Independent claims 6, 11,

and 16 have also been amended to recite a feature similar to that recited in claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 are patentable over Anderson for at least the foregoing reasons.

New independent claim 21 includes the features of “enabling a user to select one or more of the table portions” and “enabling a user to assign a user-selectable graphics portion to the selected one or more of the table portions.” In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, the system enables a user to select one or more table portions and assign a user-selectable graphics portion to the selected one or more table portions. (*See e.g.*, page 9, lines 9-18 of the present specification). In contrast, Anderson merely includes pre-existing user-selectable tab for each page of the notebook, where a user can not select table portions and assign them to a user-selectable graphics portion. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 21 is patentable over Anderson.

Dependent claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23 depend from and add additional features to one of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16. Because Anderson does not disclose, teach or suggest each of the features recited in the independent claims, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, and 20 are also patentable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 14 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Anderson. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claims 14 and 19 depend from and add additional features to one of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16. As set forth above, Anderson fails to teach or suggest the features in the claims from which these claims depend, and thus, necessarily fail to disclose, teach or suggest the features in these claims. Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 14 and 19 are also patentable for at least the foregoing reasons.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

It is believed that no other fees are due in connection with filing this Response. In the event that it is determined that fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Docket No. 23452-074.

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APPENDIX-I VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE IN

THE CLAIMS

1. (*Twice Amended*) A system for presenting table information, the table comprising one or more [a plurality of] user selectable table portions, the user selectable table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the system comprising:

a table presentation module that presents the one or more user selectable [selected] table portions in a graphical user interface;

a [user-selectable] graphics presentation module that presents one or more [user-selectable] graphical portions in the graphical user interface, wherein each [user selectable] graphical portion is selectably assigned [corresponds] to the one or more user selectable table portions specified by a user; and

a user selection module for enabling a user to select the one or more [user-selectable] graphical portions thereby causing [to cause] the table presentation module [table] to present a user selectable table portion assigned to [associated with] the selected one or more [user-selectable] graphical portions.

6. (*Twice Amended*) A system for presenting table information, the table comprising one or more [a plurality of] user selectable table portions, the user selectable table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the system comprising:

table presentation means for presenting the one or more user selectable [selected] table portions in a graphical user interface;

[user-selectable] graphics presentation means for presenting one or more [user-selectable] graphical portions in the graphical user interface, wherein each [user selectable] graphical portion is selectably assigned [corresponds] to the one or more user selectable table portions specified by a user; and

user selection means for enabling a user to select the one or more [user-selectable] graphical portions thereby causing [to cause] the table presentation module

[table] to present a user selectable table portion assigned to [associated with] the selected one or more [user-selectable] graphical portions.

11. (*Twice Amended*) A method for presenting table information, the table comprising one or more [a plurality of] user-selectable table portions, the user-selectable table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the method comprising:

- partitioning a table into the one or more user-selectable table portions;
- selecting the one or more of the user-selectable table portions and presenting the one or more user-selectable table portions in a graphical user interface;
- assigning a user-selectable table [other] portion[s] [of the table] to one or more [user-selectable] graphics portions;
- presenting the one or more of the [user-selectable] graphics portions in the graphical user interface; and
- enabling a user to select a [the user-selectable] graphics portion to present the [a] user-selectable table portion assigned to [associated with] the selected [user-selectable] graphics portion.

16. (*Twice Amended*) A computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for presenting table information, the table comprising one or more [a plurality of] user-selectable table portions, the user-selectable table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the medium comprising:

- computer readable program code means for causing a computer to partition a table into the one or more user-selectable table portions;
- computer readable program code means for causing a computer to select the one or more of the user-selectable table portions and present the one or more user-selectable table portions in a graphical user interface;
- computer readable program code means for causing a computer to assign a user-selectable table [other] portions [of the table] to one or more [user-selectable] graphics portions;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to present the one or more of the [user-selectable] graphics portions in the graphical user interface; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to enable a user to select a [the user-selectable] graphics portion to present the [a] user-selectable table portion assigned to [associated with] the selected [user-selectable] graphics portion.

21. (New) A method for presenting table information, the table comprising a plurality of table portions, the table portions comprising a plurality of rows and columns, the method comprising:

enabling a user to select one or more of the table portions;

enabling a user to assign a user-selectable graphics portions to the selected one or more of the table portions;

presenting the user-selectable graphics portion in a graphical user interface; and

in response to a user selecting the user-selectable graphics portion, presenting the selected one or more table portions.

22. (New) The method claim of 11, wherein the step of enabling a user to select the user-selectable graphics portion enables a user to select a plurality of user-selectable graphics portions.

23. (New) The method claim of 22, wherein the plurality of user-selectable graphics portions are in discontinuous order.